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DENR RECOGNIZES CITY OF STURGIS FOR DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE

PIERRE - The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced today that the City of Sturgis public water system and the system's certified operators have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award. The award is for outstanding water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for the past year.

The system's certified operators are Dale Olson, Neil Murray, Bradley Deutsch and Judson Crowser.

"The best bargain in South Dakota is reliable, high quality, safe water from your public drinking water systems - 24 hours per day - 7 days a week," said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. "The managers and operators receiving this DENR award guaranteed their water was safe by achieving 100% compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act during 2011."

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award, public water systems and their operators had to meet all of the following requirements for 2011:

- compliance monitoring,
- drinking water standards,
- distribute a Drinking Water Report,
- lead/copper action levels, and
- comply with operator certification requirements.